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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MALAWI PRESIDENT BANDA

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1. PRESIDENT BANDA ENDED HIS FIVE DAY HISTORIC TOUR OF ZAMBIA ON JAN 12. ACCOMPANIED BY PRIME MINISTER CHONA AND SEVERAL OTHER SENIOR CABINET AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, BANDA PARTY FLEW TO CHIPATA FOR LUNCH BEFORE RETURNING TO MALAWI.

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2. NO JOINT COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN ISSUED. HOWEVER, PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S ANNOUNCEMENT DURING JANUARY 12

STATE DINNER THAT ZAMBIA WOULD SURVEY POSSIBILITIES OF A RAIL LINK WITH MALAWI INDICATES THAT TRANSPORTATION MATTERS WERE HIGH ON LIST OF AGENDA DURING TALKS. ZAMBIA, KAUNDA SAID, WILL CONSIDER TWO RAILWAY SYSTEMS, ONE TO MALAWI VIA CHIPATA AND OTHER TO ANGOLA. BANDA REPLIED THAT MALAWI ALREADY HAD TAKEN DECISION TO BUILD RAIL LINE FROM BARAKA TO MCHINJI THOUGH SALIMA AND LILONGWE TO BE COMPLETED "WITHIN THREE YEARS AT LATEST."

3. RESPONDING TO BANDA'S REPEATED STRESS ON ARTIFICIALITY OF EXISTING COLONIAL-DEMARCATED BORDERS, PRESIDENT KAUNDA CALLED FOR PROMOTION OF CLOSER COOPERATION AND FOREGOING OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND OTHER BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN NEIGHBORS. KAUNDA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MALAWI'S HELP IN REROUTING ZAMBIAN TRANSPORTATION ROUTES SINCE 1973 RHODESIAN BORDER CLOSURE AND ADDED THAT ZAMBIA AND MALAWI WILL NOW BE CLOSER THAN EVER. BANDA, IN TURN, ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD INVITED KAUNDA TO VISIT MALAWI AGAIN IN 1976 TO CONSOLIDATE IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

4. DURING HIS VISIT BANDA, ACCOMPANIED BY PRESIDENT KAUNDA, VISITED COPPERBELT AND LIVINGSTONE. IN ADDRESS TO MALAWI NATIONALS AT KITWE BANDA URGED THEM TO OBEY ALL LAWS OF ZAMBIA AND WARNED THAT THOSE WHO DID NOT SHOULD EXPECT NO PROTECTION FROM MALAWI GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO REBUKED YOUNGER GENERATION OF AFRICANS FOR TAKING THEIR COUNTRIES' INDEPENDENCE AND THEIR OWN SUDDEN RISE TO POSITION AND RANK FOR GRANTED, AND FAILING TO GIVE DUE CREDIT TO OLDER POLITICAL LEADERS WHOSE SACRIFICES HAD MADE INDEPENDENCE POSSIBLE. AT ONE POINT HE EXPLAINED THAT NATIONAL LEADERS MUST SHOULDER RESPONSIBILITY FOR MISTAKES AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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THEREFORE THEY SHOULD BEWARE OF RELYING TOO MUCH UPON ADVICE FROM THEIR POLITICAL LIEUTENANTS. IN MALAWI, BANDA SAID, "I LISTEN TO ADVICE BUT ACCEPT ONLY THAT WHICH AGREES WITH MY IDEAS."

5. COMMENT: FROM PUBLIC APPEARANCES VISIT WENT WELL AND BANDA APPARED BE HIGHLY PLEASED WITH WARM RECEPTION AND CLOSE ATTENTION GIVEN HIM BY ZAMBIAN HOSTS. SINCE IN THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENTS NEITHER BANDA NOR KAUNDA MADE REFERENCE

TO COINCIDENCE OF VIEWS ON RHODESIAN AND SOUTHERN  
AFRICAN MATTERS, WE SUSPECT THAT TWO MAY HAVE FOUND  
MORE COMMON GROUND IN DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL  
ECONOMIC LINKS THAN OF BROADER POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

6. FOR BLANTYRE: WE HAVE BEEN INTRIGUED BY  
PRESENCE OF MALAWI AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON  
IN BANDA PARTY. WE WONDER WHETHER MALAWI OR  
ZAMBIA LOOKING TO US SOURCES SUCH AS EXIM FOR  
HELP IN FINANCING RAILWAY LINK BETWEEN TWO  
COUNTRIES? MALAWI HICOM HERE UNABLE TO  
EXPLAIN.  
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